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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 2018



The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 2004 that replace the previous one which was based in 1974. The CPI is published every month by the 15th

								Changes in % Over	
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ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)		Weights	Aug_2017	May_2018	Jun_2018	Jul_2018	Aug_2018	Month	Months
<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>61841</b>	194.15	203.57	204.67	205.75	207.12	0.67	6.68
01	<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	33837	220.55	230.81	232.11	233.48	235.02	0.66	6.56
011	<b>Food</b>	32914	222.86	233.33	234.65	236.05	237.62	0.67	6.62
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7891	217.90	229.60	230.41	232.47	234.30	0.79	7.53
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8217	251.07	265.38	267.78	269.01	271.24	0.83	8.03
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2226	190.30	202.39	203.79	205.45	206.36	0.44	8.44
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1462	168.52	174.57	176.42	177.64	178.15	0.29	5.72
0115	<b>Oils and Fats</b>	3469	255.07	260.23	261.31	263.55	265.53	0.75	4.10
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; Nuts</b>	1445	208.91	224.17	226.01	227.36	228.73	0.60	9.49
0117	<b>Vegetables, Root Crops &amp; Tubers</b>	4533	208.81	216.57	217.24	218.01	219.14	0.52	4.95
0118	<b>Sugars, Jam, Honey &amp; Sweet</b>	1420	256.64	262.11	262.47	263.18	263.18	0.00	2.55
0119	<b>Other Food Products</b>	2248	171.35	178.46	179.05	179.05	180.12	0.60	5.12
012	<b>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	923	137.64	140.36	141.09	141.53	141.73	0.14	2.97
02	<b>Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	122.42	123.63	124.17	124.25	124.31	0.04	1.54
03	<b>Clothing, Textile and Footwear</b>	6911	154.80	162.94	163.80	164.86	166.53	1.02	7.58
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services</b>	5434	151.14	157.73	158.68	159.80	161.62	1.14	6.93
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1477	168.24	182.09	182.67	183.49	184.62	0.62	9.73
04	<b>Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	2089	188.90	197.87	198.60	199.30	200.37	0.53	6.07
042	<b>Actual Rent</b>	498	141.31	145.03	145.22	145.42	146.20	0.54	3.47
043	<b>Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	1431	208.81	220.43	221.42	222.39	223.66	0.57	7.11
05	<b>Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	3215	144.32	150.35	150.52	150.71	151.49	0.52	4.97
06	<b>Health</b>	728	137.58	139.88	139.92	140.22	140.34	0.09	2.01
07	<b>Transport</b>	2706	232.96	236.63	237.21	238.13	238.13	0.00	2.22
08	<b>Communication</b>	1822	105.12	105.26	105.26	105.26	105.26	0.00	0.13
09	<b>Recreation and Culture</b>	957	135.02	141.62	142.96	142.98	143.39	0.29	6.20
10	<b>Education</b>	918	109.64	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.93
11	<b>Restaurant and Hotel</b>	222	203.73	213.48	215.40	219.26	220.52	0.57	8.24
12	<b>Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	3639	230.02	252.27	253.92	255.82	258.96	1.23	12.58
<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES</b>			<b>188.25</b>	<b>197.77</b>	<b>198.81</b>	<b>199.87</b>	<b>200.95</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>6.75</b>
<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>			<b>194.15</b>	<b>203.57</b>	<b>204.67</b>	<b>205.75</b>	<b>207.12</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>6.68</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>			<b>220.55</b>	<b>230.81</b>	<b>232.11</b>	<b>233.48</b>	<b>235.02</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>6.56</b>
<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>			<b>160.09</b>	<b>168.43</b>	<b>169.28</b>	<b>169.98</b>	<b>171.13</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>6.90</b>

In August 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 207.12, a 0.67 percent increase over the July 2018 overall index of 205.75.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.68 percent from August 2017 to August 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.56 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.90 percent.

From August 2017 to August 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 9.49 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.44 percent, ‘Meat and Meat Products’ increased by 8.03 percent and ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.53 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ and ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ which rose by 9.73 percent, 7.11 percent and 6.93 percent respectively.

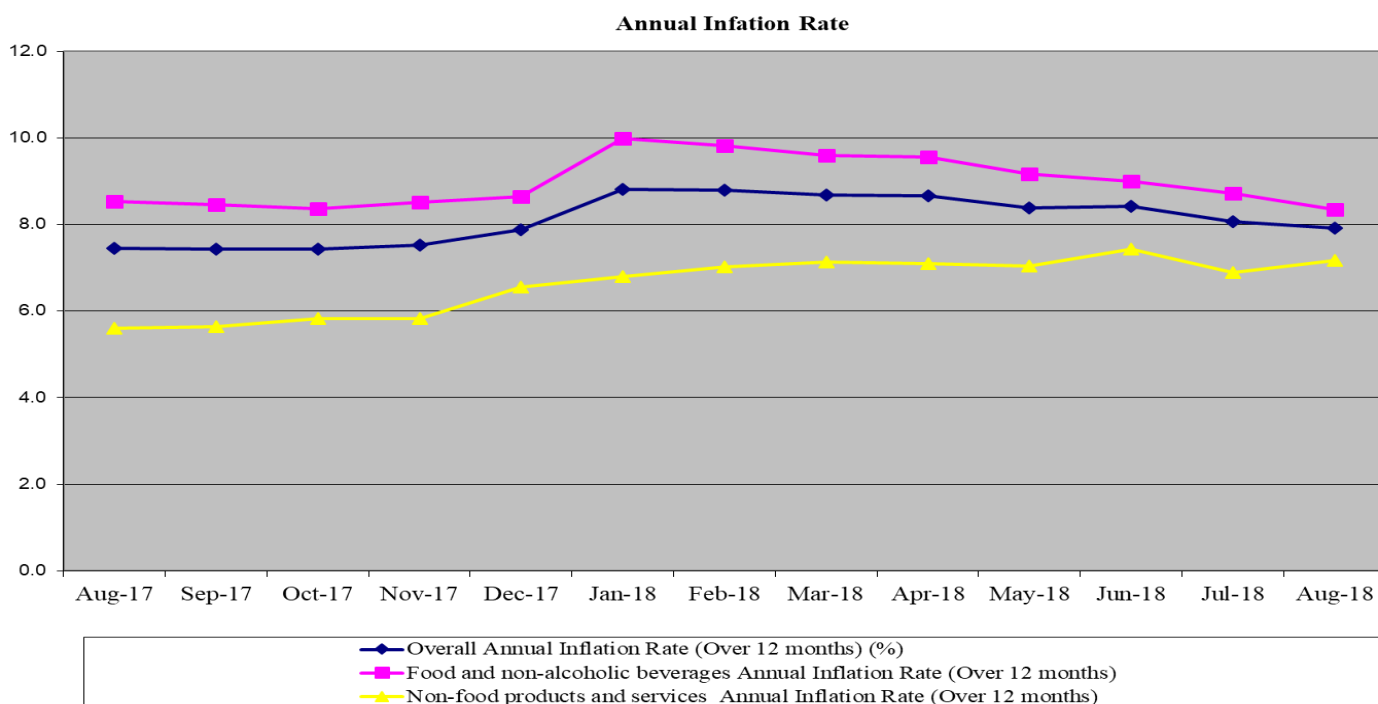
During the months of July 2018 to August 2018, ‘Meat and Meat Product’, ‘Bread and Cereals’, ‘Oils and Fats’ and ‘Fruits and Nuts’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.83 percent, 0.79 percent, 0.75 percent and 0.60 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.75 percent in August 2018 compared to 6.85 percent recorded in July 2018.

**Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)**

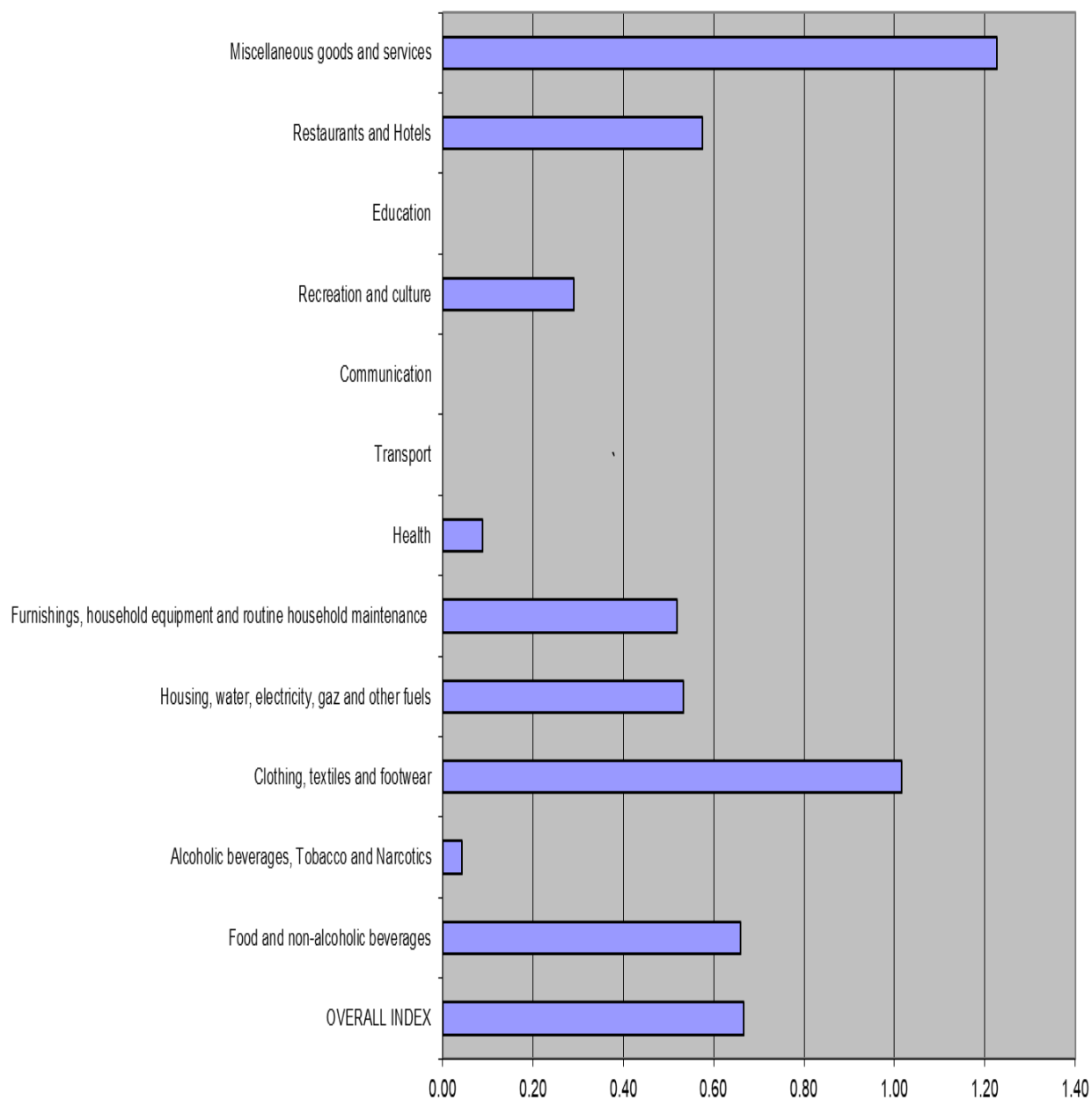
Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.9
2018	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.7				

**Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (August 2017 – August 2018)**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: July 2018 to August 2018**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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